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REPORT

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant: KS GLEITLAGER GMBH et al.		

1. This International Preliminary Examination Report has been issued by the authority responsible for international preliminary examination and is forwarded to the applicant under Article 36.
2. This REPORT has a total of 5 pages including this cover sheet.

- ☐ The Examination Report also includes ATTACHMENTS; these consist of sheets with specifications, claims, and/or drawings which were amended and form the basis for this report, and/or pages with corrections made by this authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the PCT guidelines).

These attachments comprise a total of pages.

3. This Examination Report contains information on the following points:

I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basis of examination report
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
III	<input type="checkbox"/>	No opinion issued regarding novelty, inventive step, or industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of uniformity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Finding, with supportive reasoning according to Rule 66 2a)ii), regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding
VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific documents cited
VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific flaws in international application
VIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Specific comments on international application

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International Application Number **PCT/EP03/10446**

I. Basis of Report

1. Regarding the **components** of the international application (*replacement pages filed with the Application Office in response to a request under Article 14 are deemed "originally filed" in the context of this report and are not attached because they contain no amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Specification, pages:

1-6 in the version originally filed

Claims, Nos.:

1-3 in the version originally filed

Drawings, pages:

1/2, 2/2 in the version originally filed

2. Regarding **language**: All the components listed above were available to the authority in the language in which the international application was filed or were filed in this language unless otherwise stated below.

The components were available to the authority in language: or were filed in this language; these are:

- ☐ the language of the translation filed for purposes of the international search (according to Rule 23.1(b));
 - ☐ the language in which the international application was published (according to Rule 48.3(b)).
 - ☐ the language of the translation filed for purposes of the international preliminary examination (according to Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).
3. Regarding the **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was conducted on the basis of the sequence listing which:
- ☐ is contained in the international application in written form;
 - ☐ was filed together with the international application in computer-readable form;
 - ☐ was filed with the authority subsequently in written form;
 - ☐ was filed with the authority subsequently in computer-readable form;
 - ☐ the declaration that the sequence listing subsequently filed in writing does not go beyond the disclosure content of the international application, at the time it was applied for, was submitted;
 - ☐ the declaration that the information entered in computer-readable form corresponds to the written sequence listing was submitted.
4. Because of the amendments, the following documents no longer apply:
- ☐ specification, pages:
 - ☐ claims, nos.:
 - ☐ drawings, page:

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5. ☐ This report was issued without taking into account (some of) the amendments, as these, for the reasons stated, in the opinion of the authority go beyond the content disclosed in the version originally filed (Rule 70.2 c)).

(Reference should be made in Point 1 to replacement pages containing such amendments; they should be attached to this report).

6. Any additional remarks:

V. Finding with supporting reasons according to Article 35(2) regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding

1. Finding

Novelty Yes: Claims 1-3
 No: Claims

Inventive step: Yes: Claims 1-3
 No: Claims

Industrial applicability: Yes: Claims 1-3
 No: Claims

2. Documents and explanations
 see attachment

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Re Point V

Finding, with supportive reasoning according to Article 35(2), regarding novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability; documents and explanations in support of this finding

1. The invention takes its departure from DE 32 30 700 C and relates to a plain bearing shell and a method for making a holding projection in a plain bearing shell. To simplify manufacture and installation without involving the radial inner sliding surface, the features of Claims 1 and 3 are proposed. Such a plain bearing shell or method, in which a holding projection is formed by deformation in the direction of the separating surface, is neither anticipated nor suggested by the prior art searched. Although the characterizing feature of Product Claim 1 is drafted in terms of method, the actual feature is clearly and unambiguously described.

The subject of Claims 1 and 3 is hence novel (PCT Article 33 (2)) and based on an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

2. Claim 2 depends on Claim 1 and thus also meets the PCT requirements in respect of novelty and inventive step.